

Trade Essentials sites branch out to Souris and Summerside

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Trades Services

Tradespeople often have the skills and experience they need to be successful in their career but don't take the next step to become certified in their trade. For the past two years, **Trade Essentials** has been helping tradespeople move ahead in their career. Now this service is expanding to two more sites on each end of the Island with centers in Souris and Summerside.

Two key components to Trade Essentials

Staff can meet with tradespeople one-on-one to take a look at their strengths and what might be holding them back from further certification in their trade. Are there essential skills that need refreshing?

These skills include such things as:

- reading technical language for the trade
- using documents such as charts and blueprints
- solving math problems
- preparing for tests
- using a computer

"The problem that many apprentices run into is that they may have excellent skills in what they do, but when it comes to writing the Red Seal exam, a different set of skills are required," says **Rob Sanderson**, Trade Essentials, Site Coordinator. "Their essential skills may be rusty and need to be updated."

The second area that the tradesperson may benefit from is in identifying the technical skills they need help with. "A person may have been working in one speciality most of their career," says Rob. "They may not have had the chance to get the training that would expose them to the current skills and abilities required in their trade. We can help identify the skills the tradesperson already has and the skills they need to be successful in the trade."

Staff are prepared to assist those in the following trades to accurately assess their skills and abilities and make a plan to update their skills:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry
- Cabinetmaker
- Cook
- Construction Electrician
- Industrial Electrician
- Plumber
- Steam Fitter / Pipe Fitter
- Welder
- Machinist
- Metal Fabricator
- Oil Burner Technician
- Heat/Ventilation/Air Conditioning



Susan Cheverie

"I am certainly enthusiastic about the service being available in this area," says **Susan Cheverie**, Site Manager in Souris. "There have been inquiries from tradespeople throughout Kings County. It's more of an incentive for tradespeople to participate in Trades Essentials when it's located in their area."

"This service is a great opportunity for tradespeople to work towards obtaining their Red Seal," says **Glenn Ellsworth**, Site Manager at Slemmon Park. "Having the Red Seal certification may provide an opportunity for tradespeople to earn a higher wage. The Red Seal is also proof of qualification."



Glenn Ellsworth

The service is available to anyone who is eligible to be registered as an apprentice or is working in a trade and has met the requirements to challenge the certification (Red Seal) exam.

The services are tailored to meet the individual needs of each participant. Appointment time is flexible to suit a working tradesperson's schedule.

For more information about the **Souris** location, contact **Susan Cheverie** at **687-7035** or **687-3436** or e-mail **scheverie@hollandcollege.com**

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